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1. REGARDING PARA 3 A OF REFTTEL, DEPARTMENT MIGHT SUGGEST THAT IN DISCUSSING DECEMBER 15 AMBUSH OF FPJMT HELICOPTERS AMBASSADOR DAVIES POINT OUT THAT SIMILAR JCRC MISSIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN SEVERAL TIMES IN SOUTH VIET-NAM WITHOUT DRV/PRG PROTEST; THAT DRV AND PRG WERE BOTH INFORMED DECEMBER 6 OF PLAN WHICH INCLUDED DECEMBER 15 MISSION AND MADE NO COMMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR COULD ADD THAT FAILURE TO ACHIEVE "JOINT ACTION" BY THE FOUR PARTIES (ARTICLE 16 A) REGARDING MIA'S IS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF DRV/PRG STALLING TACTICS IN FPJMT BY WHICH THEY HAVE EVADED THEIR COMMITMENT UNDER ARTICLE 8 B OF THE AGREEMENT. WE ARE SURE SPASOWSKI WOULD AGREE THAT INTENT OF "JOINT ACTION" IN ARTICLE 16 A IS NOT (RPT NOT) TO GIVE INDIVIDUAL PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT THE MEANS OF VETOING ONE OF THE AGREEMENT'S BASIC PROVISIONS. WERE WE TO ACCEPT DRV/PRG ARGUMENT, OTHER PROVISIONS TOO COULD BE VETOED AND WHOLE AGREEMENT RENDERED MEANINGLESS.

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3. WE RECOMMEND THAT IN DISCUSSING THE AMBUSH OCCASION BE SOUGHT

TO EMPHASIZE THAT WE CANNOT CONCEIVE OF ANY JUSTIFICATION IN THE
AGREEMENT OR ELSEWHERE FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF UNARMED MEN ENGAGED
ON A HUMANITARIAN MISSION. AMBUSH IS OF COURSE CLEAR-CUT
VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 3 C OF THE AGREEMENT AND ARTICLES 2 B
AND 16 A OF PROTOCOL ON CEASE-FIRE.
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